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1. REF A REPEATS STANDARD DOD GUIDANCE REGARDING USE OF U.S. MILITARY AIRLIFT BY NON-DOD MISSION ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, THIS MESSAGE MISSES THE ESSENTIAL POINT OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE AND RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE ARE WILLING TO USE ALL ASSETS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST IN THE INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

2. WE HAVE HAD OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, AND EXPECT TO HAVE THEM IN THE FUTURE, IN WHICH RTG AIRCRAFT WERE NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT OR MONITORING OPERATIONS DURING ESSENTIAL U.S.-THAI JOINT ACTIVITIES AIMED AT THE INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC THROUGH THAILAND. THESE OPERATIONS INVOLVE AREAS AND REQUIRE FLIGHT PATTERS WHICH CANNOT IN ANY WAY BE SERVICED BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. SPEED IS OF THE ESSENCE IN FOLLOWING UP ON LEADS AS THEY ARISE. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THIS REQUIREMENT TO ARISE FREQUENTLY, BUT WE AGAIN URGENTLY REQUEST
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STANDBY AUTHORITY FOR THE AMBASSADOR, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, THE

DCM TO APPROVE THE MOVEMENT OF NON-DOD MISSION PERSONNEL FOR
ACTIVITIES SUCH AS NARCOTICS INTERDICTION WHEN NO RPT NO
OTHER LOCAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE. THIS ADDED FLEXIBILITY
IS IMPORTANT TO OUR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS. USE OF DOD
AIRCRAFT FOR SUCH PURPOSES WOULD BE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.
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